

CLAIMS

1. A cue rest comprising an elongated shaft defining a central longitudinally extending shaft axis, a table engaging means, and an intermediate connecting means connecting the table engaging means with the shaft, the intermediate connecting means being shaped for avoiding an obstruction on the table adjacent a location where the table engaging means is to engage the table.

2. A cue rest as claimed in claim 1 wherein the intermediate connecting means extends between two spaced apart ends, one end being connected to the shaft, and the other end being connected to the table engaging means.

3. A cue rest as claimed in claim 1 wherein the two ends of the intermediate connecting means are aligned with each other and with the shaft axis.

4. A cue rest as claimed in claim 1 wherein the intermediate connecting means comprises an elongated intermediate connecting member extending between the shaft and the table engaging means.

5. A cue rest as claimed in claim 1 wherein a cue engaging means for cradling the cue extends from the table engaging means.

6. A cue rest as claimed in claim 1 wherein the intermediate connecting member is of arcuate shape.

7. A cue rest as claimed in claim 1 wherein the intermediate connecting member is of half-bottle shape.

8. A cue rest as claimed in claim 1 wherein the table engaging means is adjustably mounted to the intermediate connecting means.

9. A cue rest as claimed in claim 1 wherein the table engaging means is pivotally connected to the intermediate connecting means.

10. A cue rest as claimed in claim 1 wherein the
5 table engaging means is pivotally connected to the intermediate connecting means and is pivotable about the shaft axis.

11. A cue rest as claimed in claim 1 provided with a means to restrain the rotational movement of the
10 intermediate connecting means about the shaft axis.

12. A cue rest as claimed in claim 11 wherein the table engaging means comprises two arms and the cue engaging means comprises two arms which are arranged to form a cruciform structure, the arms defining angles
15 therebetween.

13. A cue rest as claimed in claim 1 wherein at least one of the table engaging means or cue engaging means houses a rotation restraining means.

14. A cue rest as claimed in claim 13 wherein the
20 intermediate connecting means is connectable to the table engaging means by an axial bolt which is adapted for engaging with the rotation restraining means.

15. A cue rest as claimed in claim 13 wherein the rotation restraining means comprises:

25 a spring retainer,

a compression spring engagable with the spring retainer, and

a spindle having two ends being engagable with the compression spring and the other end being engagable with
30 the axial bolt,

wherein the axial bolt has a shaft body and a portion of the shaft body is adapted to engage with the spindle end, such that axial movement of the spindle, by rotation of the table engaging means about the shaft axis, causes
5 compression of the spring, such that when the end of the spindle engages with the portion of the shaft body adapted to engage with the spindle end, the compression of the spring is relaxed to reversibly lock the relative position of the table engaging means to the intermediate
10 connecting means.

16. A cue rest as claimed in claim 15 wherein the shaft body of the axial bolt comprises at least one flat surface.

17. A cue rest as claimed in claim 15 wherein the
15 shaft body of the axial bolt comprises at least one indentation adapted to accommodate a shaped end of the spindle.

18. A cue rest as claimed in claim 17 wherein the shaped end of the spindle is a protruding hemisphere or
20 spherical cap.

19. A cue rest as claimed in claim 14 wherein the axial bolt is integrally formed with the intermediate connecting means.

20. A cue rest as claimed in claims 12 wherein a
25 cue support is locatable within at least one of the angles of the cruciform structure.

21. A cue rest as claimed in claim 5 further comprising a cue support.

22. A cue rest as claimed in claim 21 wherein the
30 cue support is integrally formed with the cruciform structure.

23. A cue rest as defined in claim 20 wherein the cue support is detachably mountable on the cue engaging means.

24. A cue rest comprising an elongated shaft
5 defining a central longitudinally extending shaft axis
connected to a cruciform structure, wherein the cruciform
structure is composed of a pair of table engaging means
and a pair of cue engaging means defining angles between
the arms therein, wherein a cue support is locatable
10 within at least one of the angles of the cruciform
structure.

25. A cue rest as defined in claim 24 wherein the cue support is integrally formed with the cruciform structure.

15 26. A cue rest as defined in claim 24 wherein the
cue support is independently formed from the cruciform
structure and is adapted to be mounted upon the cruciform
structure.

28. A cue support for a cue as claimed in claim 26
20 wherein the support is detachably mountable upon the cue
rest.

27. A cue support for a cue, said cue support
having a detachably mounted cue engaging means.